

first call to subscribe for some charitable object, whatever it may be, being the means used by Satan to destroy the work of God in his heart. Professors of holiness, as you value the possession of your experience of this grace, be sure and keep a clear conscience in money matters before your Master, who seeth in secret. Unless this matter is settled under the direct ministry of the Spirit, and you have His witness that it is so settled, you will ever be exposed to danger here. Nay, this very article may prove unto you a savour of death unto death. For if you love not to know the whole truth concerning these matters, as they affect you personally, you are already sinning against the God of truth.

We assume, then, that you have settled this matter of proportionate giving, and now we ask you to consider as to the proportion of this tenth which you should devote to this particular work. You are in the receipt of an income of one thousand dollars, more or less. One-tenth of this is, of course, one hundred dollars, which you feel called upon, as your smallest offering, to present to your loving Saviour as the first-fruits offering for the year. Now there are many claimants on this fund, such as support of the church where you worship, the missionary cause, the poor, etc. Manifestly it will be necessary to weigh these several claims in the balance of relative importance before you can decide correctly.

We assume you are either a determined seeker, or a possessor of the blessing of holiness. You now place a very high estimate on this experience, and eagerly desire it to spread rapidly in the Churches. Indeed, you believe that a healthy revival of this experience in the ministry and membership of the Churches means conspicuous success in everything that is good. Indirectly, it means the conversion of sinners, the more rapid development of missionary operations; in short, it is increasing the central power which, in the nature of things, includes additional life and energy to the outermost limits of spiritual work. You have realized this in your own experience. This central idea of Christianity, as Bishop Peck puts it, now a fixed fact in your history, has acted and reacted on everything in your life, proving a blessing unspeakable and full of glory. Now what it has accomplished for you it is calculated to secure for every believer, and so for the whole Church, for the whole world. Should not, then, this subject really have first place in your givings as well as in your thoughts?

Again, it is but reasonable to conclude that, for the present at least, the practical expression of sympathy for definite work on this